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A) Identification

Historic Name: **HAMILTON MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

Common Name: Hamilton Family Cemetery

Address: The end of Sand Canyon Road

City: East Wenatchee County Douglas

B) Site Access (describe site access, restrictions, etc.)

Two options to access site: both are one mile on gravel or dirt road.

1) Off of Badger Mountain Road, up abandoned Sand Canyon Road, through padlocked barbed wire gate and the private properties on record owned by Western Pacific Timber LLC and Noreen Daling.

2) by permission of the Bromiley family only off Tenth St NE in East Wenatchee through the properties on record owned by P&F Holdings and Patricia Munch.

C) Property owner(s), Address and Zip

Name: Hamilton Family, c/o Heather Breen

Address: 214 West Peter

City: Wenatchee

State: WA

Zip: 98801

D) Legal boundary description and boundary justification

Tax No./Parcel: 22210610002 - Tax No. 1 in Lot 2, Section 6, Township Twenty-two North, Range Twenty-one, E.W.N. Tax No. 1 in Lot 2, Sec. 6, Twp 22 N, Rge 21, E.W.N. is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of the NE 1/4, Sec 6, Twp 22 N Rng 21 E.W.N.; thence running South on the West line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 605 ft to a point of beginning; thence running South along said line 208 ft.; thence turning to the left at an angle of 90° and running East 208 ft; thence turning left at an angle of 90° and running North 208 ft.; thence turning left at an angle of 90° and running West 208 ft to the place of beginning.

Boundary Justification: The nominated property includes only the parcel in which the cemetery is located. Parcel No. 2221061002

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E) Category of Property (Choose One)

- ☐ building ☐ structure (irrigation system, bridge, etc.) ☐ district
☒ object (statue, grave marker, vessel, etc.) ☒ cemetery/burial site
☐ historic site (site of an important event) ☐ archaeological site
☐ traditional cultural property (spiritual or creation site, etc.)
☐ cultural landscape (habitation, agricultural, industrial, recreational, etc.)

F) Area of Significance – Check as many as apply

- ☐ The property belongs to the early settlement, commercial development, or original native occupation of a community or region.
- ☐ The property is directly connected to a movement, organization, institution, religion, or club which served as a focal point for a community or group.
- ☐ The property is directly connected to specific activities or events which had a lasting impact on the community or region.
- ☒ The property is associated with legends, spiritual or religious practices, or life ways which are uniquely related to a piece of land or to a natural feature.
- ☐ The property displays strong patterns of land use or alterations of the environment which occurred during the historic period (cultivation, landscaping, industry, mining, irrigation, recreation).
- ☐ The property is directly associated with an individual who made an important contribution to a community or to a group of people.
- ☐ The property has strong artistic, architectural or engineering qualities, or displays unusual materials or craftwork belonging to a historic era.
- ☐ The property was designed or built by an influential architect, or reflects the work of an important artisan.
- ☐ Archaeological investigation of the property has or will increase our understanding of past cultures or life ways.

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G) Property Description

The Hamilton Memorial Cemetery is located above the wheatfields of Douglas County, set on a rise of land with commanding views of the entire Wenatchee Valley. The approximately 1 acre cemetery currently holds 80 known graves, with reportedly unmarked graves in the south-eastern most section of the cemetery. The markers range from small, etched metal stakes to the grand granite Patrick Family marker that was toppled over by vandals in the early 1970s. The majority of the markers are flat granite pillow type or tablet style markers. Twenty of the headstones mark the burials of members of the Hamilton family at least in name, while numerous others are directly connected to the Hamilton family through marriage.

Songbirds and rabbits inhabit the shrubland that has grown up around the gravestones. A dead tree is the centerpiece and is adorned with windchimes. Wild yellow roses grow in the Adams Family area and were brought from Kentucky. There is no water other than what God and visitors bring. It is a popular walking area.

Over the past few years, the neighborhoods on the Badger Mountain Road have been quickly expanding toward the cemetery site. The Douglas County Planning Department indicates future development plans in the direction of the cemetery and beyond. Road development toward the Pangborn Memorial Airport in support of the Port of East Wenatchee for use in redirecting air cargo and airport traffic is an example of their plans for the area.

Known burials are as follows:

Adams, Baby 1	b. unknown d. unknown
Adams, Baby 2	b. unknown d. unknown
Adams, Charlie	b. unknown d. unknown
Adams, Evaline	b. Apr. 13, 1873 d. Jul. 11, 1925
Adams, June	b. unknown d. unknown
Adams, Laura E.	b. 1872 d. 1925
Adams, Mary	b. unknown d. unknown
Adams, Mollie	b. Aug. 4, 1875 d. Jul. 8, 1930
Adams, Walter "Bill"	b. Jun. 15, 1912 d. Jun. 4, 1961
Adams, William Wesley	b. May 14, 1874 d. 1927
Bailey, Adashia	b. unknown d. unknown
Bailey, Dorcia	b. unknown d. unknown

Bailey, Kittie Mable	b. Sep., 1908 d. Oct. 10, 1910
Bender, Jill Marie	b. Jul. 15, 1963 d. Jul. 17, 1963
Bolin, Bessie Hamilton	b. 1898 d. 1928
Chapman, Clare	b. 1921 d. 1991
Chapman, Jean E. Hamilton, Craig	b. 1923 d. 1999
Chapman, Jean E. Hamilton	b. Aug. 8, 1923 d. Apr. 8, 1999
Collins, Elzie	b. Aug. 11, 1906 d. Feb. 12, 1928
Collins, Raymond	b. Apr. 25, 1913 d. Jan. 26, 1924
Dillon, Hazel Lorain	b. Nov. 4, 1925 d. Oct. 3, 1926
Gibbs, Otto	b. 1904 d. Dec. 21, 1919
Hager, Alice	b. 1868 d. 1945
Hager, George G	b. 1862 d. 1936
Hager, Henry H.	b. 1887 d. 1955
Hager, Henry H.	b. 1887 d. 1955
Hager, Lawrence	b. 1900 d. 1943
Hamilton, Amanda Crace	b. 1889 d. 1973
Hamilton, Caroline Adams	b. Apr. 30, 1870 d. Nov. 17, 1955
Hamilton, Sgt Claude Fred	b. Nov. 26, 1919 d. Mar. 24, 1945
Hamilton, Claude W.	b. Dec. 29, 1892 d. Apr. 26, 1931
Hamilton, Cletus William	b. May 11, 1911 d. Jul. 10, 1976
Hamilton, Dallas	b. Jul. 11, 1910 d. Oct. 15, 1910
Hamilton, Dora Lou Willis	b. Mar. 10, 1883 d. May 20, 1959
Hamilton, Edward	b. Nov. 28, 1891 d. Oct. 27, 1918
Hamilton, Gavin Robb	b. Apr 4, 1958 d. Jan. 29, 2013
Hamilton, J.D. "Don"	b. Aug. 30, 1908 d. Jan. 22, 1989
Hamilton, Mildred Irene	b. Apr. 26, 1914 d. Oct. 15, 1914
Hamilton, Phoebe Ellen Patton	b. Feb. 22, 1847 d. Jan. 27, 1913
Hamilton, Reuben, Jr	b. 1909 d. 1938
Hamilton, Reuben	b. Feb. 22, 1871 d. Jul. 21, 1937
Hamilton, Silas Vernon	b. Nov. 2, 1905 d. Nov. 16, 1955
Hamilton, Pvt Wiley D.	b. May 15, 1878 d. Feb. 22, 1939
Hamilton, William	b. 1886 d. 1953
Hamilton, William Greenville	b. Apr. 5, 1903 d. May 31, 1961
Hamilton, William Melvin	b. 1886 d. Nov. 1, 1953
Hamilton, William "Bill" Melvin Jr.	b. Feb 17, 1928 d. Jan. 29, 2014
Harmon, Nellie Laree	b. May 25, 1915 d. Oct. 25, 1915
Isaacs, Jean Marie	b. 1928 d. 1939
Jackson, Haywood	b. Jan. 12, 1881 d. Nov. 13, 1918
Miller, Myrl	b. 1912 d. 1938
Niccum, Leatha M Hamilton	b. Oct. 2, 1906 d. Oct. 30, 1959
Niccum, Lloyd D	b. Aug. 25, 1934 d. Mar. 24, 1962
Noakes, Alice S.	b. Jan. 20, 1919 d. Sep. 20, 1985
Noakes, Harold C	b. Feb. 15, 1949 d. Jul. 21, 1976
Noakes, Harold L.	b. Aug. 10, 1921 d. Nov. 18, 2008
Patrick, Boyd	b. Sep. 22, 1902 d. Sep. 4, 1950
Patrick, Jimmy	b. unknown d. unknown

Patrick, Smith S.	b. Aug. 5, 1882 d. Mar. 26, 1956
Patrick, Sophia Bailey	b. Mar. 22, 1885 d. Dec. 8, 1925
Patrick, Theodore	b. Jul. 18, 1912 d. Sep. 29, 1924
Patton, Nancy	b. Aug. 5, 1871 d. Apr. 8, 1945
Patton, Thomas	b. Oct. 13, 1856 d. Jan. 23, 1939
Platter, Rebecca	b. 1850 d. 1933
Purcell, Dean	b. Dec., 1929 d. unknown
Salyer, Allen Page	b. 1920 d. Dec. 30, 1920
Salyer, John	b. 1913 d. 1928
Salyer, Sam	b. 1870 d. 1932
Salyer, William Samuel Otto	b. Dec. 22, 1870 d. Sep. 3, 1932
Scanlon, Robert Leo	b. Jun. 8, 1909 d. Jun. 26, 1971
Sharp, Helen L.	b. Apr. 1, 1917 d. Oct. 22, 1922
Story, Donald Roy "Don"	b. Jun. 8, 1896 d. Nov. 6, 1918
Story, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Salyer	b. Nov. 26, 1896 d. Nov. 7, 1918
Story, Forrest	b. Mar. 15, 1918 d. Nov. 20, 1918
Tigner, Eva May	b. Feb. 2, 1917 d. Jun. 28, 1917
Tigner, Rosa Lee	b. unknown d. 1918
Ulin, Elsie C	b. unknown d. Feb. 12, 1928
Ulin, Frank E.	b. Apr. 13, 1918 d. Dec. 8, 2006
Ulin, Sedalia I Hamilton	b. Oct. 23, 1921 d. May 27, 2007
Unknown, Theodore	b. Jul. 18, 1912 d. Sep. 29, 1924

H) Significance

The Hamilton Memorial Cemetery is historically significant for its direct connection to the early pioneer settlers of the East Wenatchee area and the Hamilton family. Many of deceased had migrated to the area from Kentucky and the location of the cemetery indicates patterns of early development by American settlers.

The earliest burials at the cemetery include Dallas Hamilton (born July 11, 1910 to William and Amanda Hamilton) who died as an infant was on October 15, 1910. Kittie Mable Bailey, also an infant, is buried at the cemetery, laid to rest on October 10, 1910.

While the early history of the cemetery is unknown, county records note that Steve H. Hamilton as the owner in 1915. He deeded the property to his brother, Reuben, in 1930, and then it passed on to several other generations of family members: William M. Hamilton in 1958, then to his son, Gavin Robb Hamilton in 2008.

Several members of the Hamilton family migrated to the Wenatchee Valley in 1906. The Great Northern Railroad had recently completed a transcontinental line from Milwaukee-St Paul to Seattle and heavily advertised a ticket rate of \$77.00 to get on anywhere and get off anywhere. In promoting the west, Wenatchee was advertised as "the Garden of Eden, the last of the land of opportunity".

Phoebe "Ellen" Hamilton, said to be widowed in 1904, left Magoffin County, Kentucky for the Wenatchee along with her five sons; Wiley, Reuben, Stephen, Hayes, and William; and one daughter, Sedalia. William, then age 21, had recently married Amanda Crace (age 17) on July 9, 1905. The group arrived in East Wenatchee on December 10, 1906, with newborn Leatha in arms.

At the time, East Wenatchee was just beginning to bloom. The site of East Wenatchee was dry and sandy until 1908 when the new Columbia River Bridge connected it to Wenatchee, bringing both irrigation water and easy access. Within a few years, the site of East Wenatchee bloomed with apple orchards. Soon, a sizable population existed on the east side of the river. Some young merchants, recognizing a market, built several stores and offices at the east end of the bridge, saving people the trouble of crossing the bridge into Wenatchee for supplies. These small stores at the foot of the bridge, on what is now Ninth Street, were the early seeds of what would become a city. However, it remained mostly rural in character until 1935, when it was incorporated as a city. It had only 268 residents in the 1940 census and the population rose only slightly through 1950, when the census recorded 389.

Because of an abundance of open space, it became the site of the Wenatchee Golf & Country Club and Wenatchee's two regional airfields, Fancher Field and Pangborn Memorial Airport. Beginning in 1950, subdivisions began to sprout in East Wenatchee, causing the population to grow. East Wenatchee became a popular Wenatchee suburb but also maintains its own separate identity. The estimated population as of 2010 is 11,870, making it the biggest city in Douglas County.

The Hamilton family became important early players in the development of the community. Silas Hamilton served as the town's first marshall. Stephen Hamilton eventually bought an entire township in East Wenatchee and became mayor, presiding over the town for several years until his brother-in-law, Gerald Raymaker, assumed the duty. William acquired a large tract of land between Rock Island Road and Highline Drive. His dream was to build a house for each of his eleven children on the property, but the depression saw an end to that in the 1930s. He and Amanda were active members and strong supporters of the Free Methodist Church. Others in the Hamilton clan did not live their lives with such religious fervor. Stories of some of these colorful characters include gambling, alcohol, pistols, money rolls, and dapper dress.

The Kentuckians were a tight-knit community, clan-like in administering their own justice and taking care of their own. As young Kentuckian men arrived in search of a better life, work was provided. Some of the graves at the cemetery are of those Kentuckians without family here to bury them; so it is told most of the unmarked graves belong to these young unfortunate men.

The Hamilton Family remained active into several generations in East Wenatchee's government, law enforcement, sewer and water district and land development, as well as enterprises through those earlier years such as ranching, orcharding, logging, and

freight hauling. Several members also had distinguished military careers.

The Hamilton Memorial Cemetery serves as a direct connection to the early history and development East Wenatchee. It also is a physical reminder of how one family can impact the growth and development of a community.

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I) Documentation

Xerox and attach any information or evidence that supports the property's significance.

Written Sources (books, articles, newspapers):

The Wenatchee World
Hamilton Sister written report
Kenneth Mustell
Derene Carstensen

Oral History/Interviews:

Wm M Hamilton Jr
Caroline Ellis Hamilton
Kenneth Mustell

J) Map and Photographs

Attach copies of historic maps or photos if available, and current photos (5 x 7 B & W). Include a current map – appropriate U.S.G.S. map and parcel map – with the location of the property and its boundaries clearly marked. (see instructions)

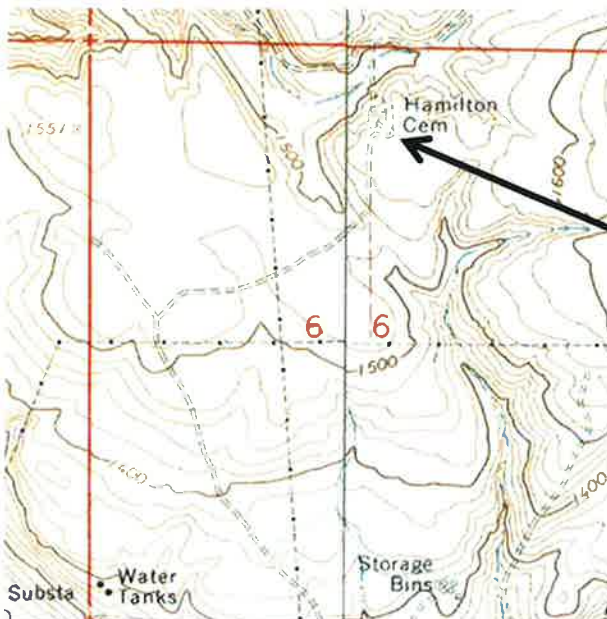


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